to shift the centre from its present location as soon as alternative land is allotted and building constructed by D.D.A.

Purchase of stationery

1476. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contents of the Circular No. 14/10/86-Welfare dated 26th November 1986 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training of the Government of India regarding local purchase of stationery and other articles from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited, New Delhi have been communicated to all attached and subordinate offices and all the public sector undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Departments under his Ministry and public sector undertakings continue to make local purchase of stationery and other articles from the open market; and

(c) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the compliance of the decision of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1477. [*Transferred to the 7th May, 1987.*]

Madras High Court

1478. SHRI T. R. BALU : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of cases pending before the Madras High Court as on date, category-wise;

(b) how many among them are more than three, five and ten years old cases;

(c) how many vacancies are there in Madras High Court to be filled up and also date on which each vacancy has arisen;

(d) whether Jaswant Singh Commission has recommended the setting up of a bench of Madras High Court at Madurai; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As furnished by the Registry of the Madras High Court the pendency on 30-6-1986 is as under:

Civil Case	Criminal Case	Total
1,56,985	16,334	1,73,319

	Pending for more then		
	3 years	5 years	10 years
Civil	34,824	18,071	35
Criminal	1,797	406	..

(c) There are at present 5 vacancies of Judges in the Madras High Court which arose on the following dates:-

1.6.1985; 10.3.1986; 10.8.1986; 3.9.1986 and 23.10.1986

(d) and (e) The Jaswant Singh Commission has recommended that to start with a Circuit Bench of the Madras High Court may be set up at Madurai, and the position may be reviewed after 5 years. After review, if

it is found feasible, the Circuit Bench may be upgraded to the status of a Permanent Bench. The Report has been placed on the Table of the House.

The recommendations have also been referred to the Government of Tamil Nadu for their views and comments. Reply from the State Government is awaited.

रद्दी कागज के आयात पर लेवी

1479. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में लगभग 200 छोटी कागज बनाने वाली इकाईयां कार्यरत हैं जो कि कागज के उत्पादन के लिये कच्चे माल के रूप में निरस्त रद्दी कागज को प्रयोग में ला रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने हाल ही में रद्दी कागज के आयात पर लेवी लगा दी है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को कथित मिल मालिकों से लेवी लगाये जाने के विरुद्ध कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) (क) अधिकांश छोटी कागज मिलें कागज और गत्ता बनाने के लिये मुख्यतया गैरपारम्परिक कच्चा माल प्रयोग कर रहीं हैं जैसे कि कृषि के अवशिष्ट पदार्थ, रद्दी कागज आदि ।

(ख) से (घ) कागज या गत्ता बनाने में उपयोग करने के लिये लुगदी बनाने के उद्देश्य से आयात किये जाने वाले रद्दी कागज पर आयात शुल्क की दर 1-3-1987 से शून्य प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर 25% मूल्यानुसार कर दी गयी है । किन्तु केन्द्र सरकार ने इस मामले पर पुनः विचार किया है और आयात शुल्क की दर घटा कर 10% मूल्यानुसार करने का निर्णय लिया है ।

Appointment of retired Government officers as Consultants

1480. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints that a large number of retired Government officers who have been appointed as consultants in his Ministry and other public sector undertakings are also unofficially acting as liaison men for various industrial houses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have laid down any guidelines for the appointment of retired Government consultants as advisors or consultants in his Ministry or public sector undertakings; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) For appointment of consultants and payment of fee, all Ministries and Departments are following the general instructions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs/Deptt. of Personnel & Training from time to time.

Closure of industries in public sectors

1481. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various committees appointed by the Government have recommended closure of